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1. FULL BIODATA FOLLOWS DEPARTMENT STATE ACCEPTANCE.

2 NDI ON ALL NOMINEES.

3. POST RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:

A) (ECHEVERRI MEJIA, GILBERTO)

I WAS OWN METALLURGICAL CO REPRESENTS MITSUBISHI IN COLOMBIA.

WAS CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR OF LIBERAL PARTY. MAINTAINS GOOD RELATIONS
WITH OPPOSITION FACTION OF LIBERALS. WILL PROBABLY SERVE IN
POSITION OF REUNIFICATION. BROTHER WAS UNO PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE.
(GROUPING OF LEFTIST POLITICAL ELEMENTS).

B) GIL TOVAR, FRANCISCO)

DEAN OF SCHOOL OF SOCIAL COMMUNICATIONS AT UNIVERSIDAD JAVERIANA.

PROFESSOR OF COMMUNICATIONS AT UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL NOTED
EUROPEAN ORIENTED ART CRITIC. HIS EXPOSURE TO JOURNALISM
EDUCATION IN US IN VIEW OF NEW STATUTE REQUIRING NEED
FOR UNIVERSITY DEGREES OF NEWSPAPER REPORTERS AND ESTABLISHING
CURRICULA FOR UNIVERSITY JOURNALISM DEPARTMENTS, WOULD BE
MOST BENEFICIAL TO COLOMBIA.

C) (CEBALLOS NIETO, DANIEL)

NEW GOVERNMENTS VICE-MINISTER OF EDUCATION. UNIVERSIDAD
NACIOAAL-PHILOSOPHY. HAS DONE POST GRADUATE WORK AT
UNIVERSITY OF BONN, UNIVERSITY OF MUNICH AND UNIVERSITY
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OF FRIBURG.

PAST POSITIONS DIRECTOR OF ICFES (GOC AGENCY OF HIGHER EDUCATION). NATIONAL COORDINATOR OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION OF UNITED NATIONS. HAS TAUGHT AT UNIVERSIDAD DEL CAUCA, UNIVERSIDAD DE ANTIOQUIA, UNIVERSIDAD DE CALDAS, UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL, AND AT UNIVERSIDAD JAVERIANA.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION: HIS IMPORTANCE IN EDUCATIONAL CRICLES WILL CONTINUE. PRESENT INFLUENCE IS GREAT. HIS ORIENTATION HAS BEEN TOWARD EUROPE. (HAS GERMAN WIFE). EXPOSURE IN DEPTH TO US EDUCATION WOULD GIVE HIM A MORE BALANCED VIEW.

D) (PARRA DUSSAN, GUSTAVO)

SECRETARY GENERAL OF MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT.

EDUCATION: UNIVERSIDAD DE NAVARRA SPAIN JOURNALISM.

PAST POSITIONS: ECONOMIC DIRECTOR OF BANKING ASSOCIATION.

ECONOMIC DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC INVESTIGATIONS OF UNIVERSIDAD "JORGE TADEO LOZANO".

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION: DESPITE HIS YOUTH HE HAS SHOWN HIMSELF WORTHY OF IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITIES WHICH, UNDOUBTEDLY, WILL CONTINUE WITH ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCES.

E) ALMEIDA, JOSEFINA AMEZQUITA DE)

UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL LAW.

PRESENT POSITION, NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE "LEAGUE OF WOMEN CITIZENS OF COLOMBIA". WRITES COLUMNS IN LEADING NEWSPAPER CONCERNED WITHINFORMING OF LEGAL RIGHTS OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN. ALSO IS LAWYER OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CITY SOCIAL WELFARE.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION: THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN CITIZENS OF COLOMBIA PLANS TO TEACH WOMEN AND YOUTH RESPONSIBILITIES OF CITIZENSHIP.

F) MORENO FORERO, ISABEL DE

EDUCATION TEACHER TRAINING LIBRARY SCIENCE UNIVERSIDAD DE LA SALLE.

PRESENT POSITION: HEAD LIBRARIAN FOR 25 LIBRARIES OF GOC SOCIAL WELFARE.

PAST POSITIONS: SIX YEARS AS LIBRARIAN AT UNIVERSIDAD DE LOS ANDES. FOUR YEARS AFFILIATED WITH NATIONAL UNCLASSIFIED

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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION: AS HEAD LIBRARIAN FOR 25 LIBRARIES THROUGHOUT COLOMBIA, SHE HAS GREAT INFLUENCE ON LARGE SEGMENTS OF VARIOUS SOCIAL CLASSES. THE LIBRARIES LEND BOOKS (UNUSUAL IN COLOMBIA) MOST OF THE BOOKS DEAL WITH NUTRITION, PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY.

G) CASAS DE SANTAMARIA ALBERTO

SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY. IS VERY
ENERGETIC AND HAS BEEN AN ACCURATE AND FORTHCOMING SOURCE
OF INFORMATION ON CONSERVATIVE PARTY MATTERS. IS AN
EXECUTIVE OF LARGE ADVERTISING AGENCY ATENAS PUBLICIDAD
LTDA HAS NEVER VISITED THE US

H) MELO BAGRIEL

MR MELO WAS ONE OF TWO POLITICAL COORDINATORS FOR GOMEZ
PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN. HE IS A LEADER OF CONSERVATIVE STUDY
GROUP; IS WIDELY REGARDED AS BEING BRIGHTEST OF CONSERVATIVE
PARTY LEADERSHIP. MELO IS AN ECONOMIST. HAS NOT VISITED
US SINCE CHILDHOOD.

I) HERRAN RODRIGUEZ, VICTORIA DE

DHAS BEEN A TREMENDOUS SUPPORT TO PEACE CORPS HOME
ECONOMICS PROGRAMS.

PRESENT POSITION NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF WOMENS AFFAIRS
NATIONAL FEDERATION OF COFFEE GROWERS. HAS SPENT TIME
AND EFFORT IN TRAINING PROGRAMS GIVING CONFERENCES AND
PARTICIPATING IN FIELD TRAINING.

J) CASTRO CASTRO JAIME

MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO FOR GOC ADMINISTRATION. IS
LIBERAL PARTY MEMBER WAS MINISTER OF JUSTICE IN PASTRANA
GOVERNMENT. IS A PROFESSOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW WHICH
HE STUDIED IN MADRID AND PARIS.

K) SARMIENTO EDUARDO

MONETARY ADVISOR (NEW APPOINTEE). ECONOMIST FROM LOS ANDES
AID TRAINEE AT UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA 1966, STAYED IN
US UNTIL 1970 RETURNING WITH PH.D. FORMER POSITION WAS
SECRETARY GENERAL OF GOC PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

L URIBE URDINOLA JAIME

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LAW DEGREE-UNIVERSIDAD EXTERNADO DE COLOMBIA. WAS DIRECTOR
OF IDEMA (GOC AGRICULTURAL AGENCY) AND FOR LAST FOUR YEARS
HAS BEEN AFFILIATED WITH UNIVERSIDAD JORGE TADEO LOZANO,
LAST TWO AS RECTOR.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION: UNIVERSIDAD JORGE TADEO
LOZANO HAS A VERY ACTIVE STUDENT BODY WHICH IS
POLITICALLY ORIENTED. DR URIBE HANDLES THE POTENTIAL
POWDER KEG WITH DEXTERITY. EXPOSURE TO AN IV TOUR
WOULD BE OF MUCH BENEFIT TO HIM, AND THROUGH HIS
EXCELLENT RAPPORT WITH YOUTH, HE WOULD BE ABLE MORE
EFFECTIVELY TO MODERATE EXTREME ATTITUDES OF ANTI US
FEELINGS.

O) (ARANGO RODRIGUEZ RAFAEL)

PRESIDENT OF THE WORKERS BANK. HE I APPROXIMATELY 35 YEARS OLD, AND IS AN ECONOMIST AND LAWYER. HE WAS FORMERLY SECRETARY OF ANDI (GOC INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION), NATIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF PRICES, ADVISOR OF UNION OF COLOMBIAN WORKERS, ECONOMIC AND LEGAL ADVISER FOR ECOPETROL, AND HAS OCCUPIED OTHER POSITIONS ON BOARDS OF DIRECTORS IN VARIOUS OTHER COMPANIES, BOTH PRIVATE AND PUBLIC. ARANGO IS A LLERISTA LIBERAL, AND SERVED AS PRESIDENT LLERAS PRIVATE SECRETARY DURING LLERAS ADMINISTRATION. HAS MANY CONTACTS IN BUSINESS LABOR ANDPOLITICAL CIRCLES. DREW UP PLANS FOR AND NEGOTIATED AN AGREEMENT FOR THE WORKERS BANK FROM THE INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION. HAS A FUTURE IN POLITICS AND IN INFLUENCING THE POLITICAL AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC FUTURE OF COLOMBIA.

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